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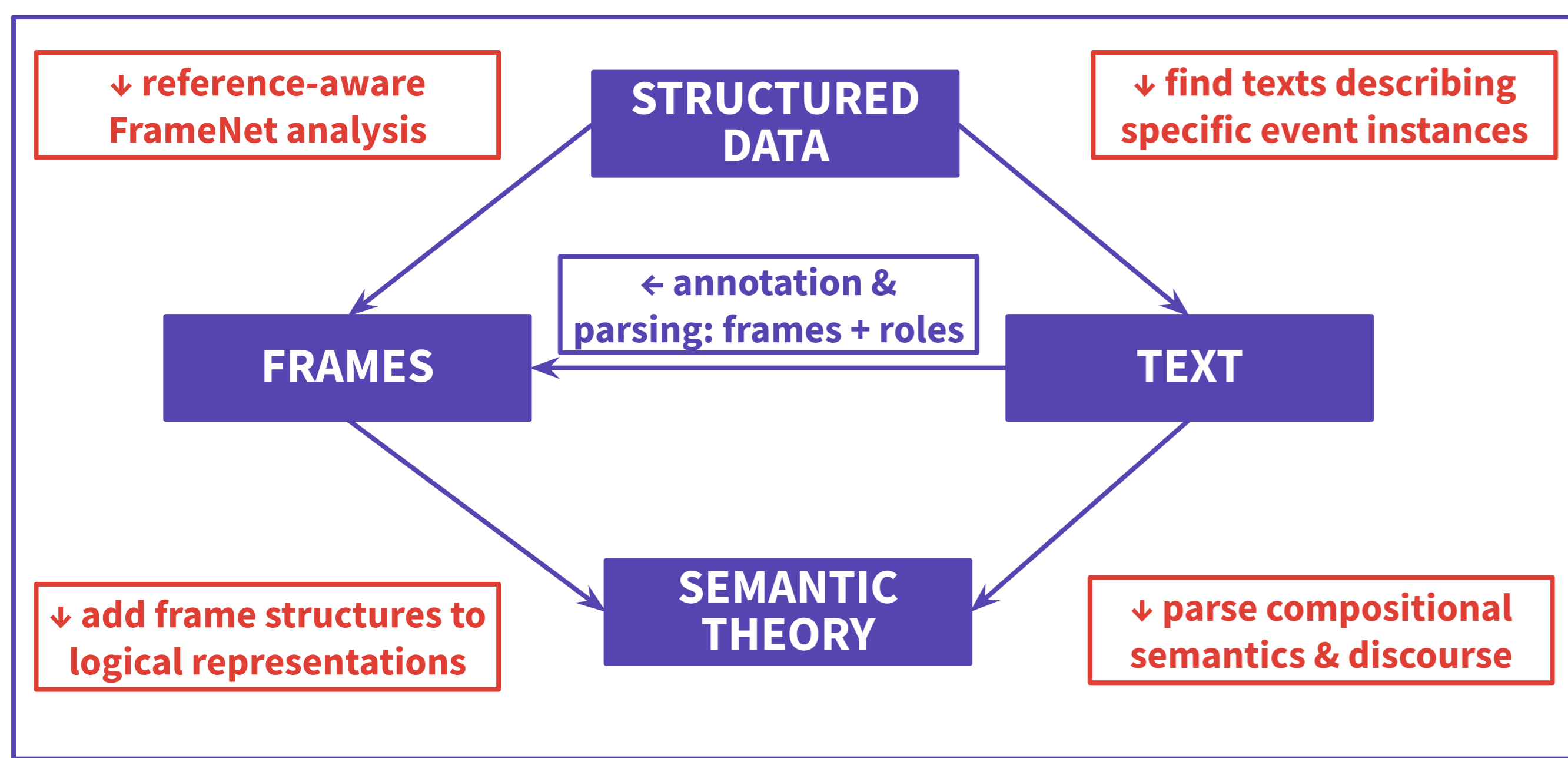
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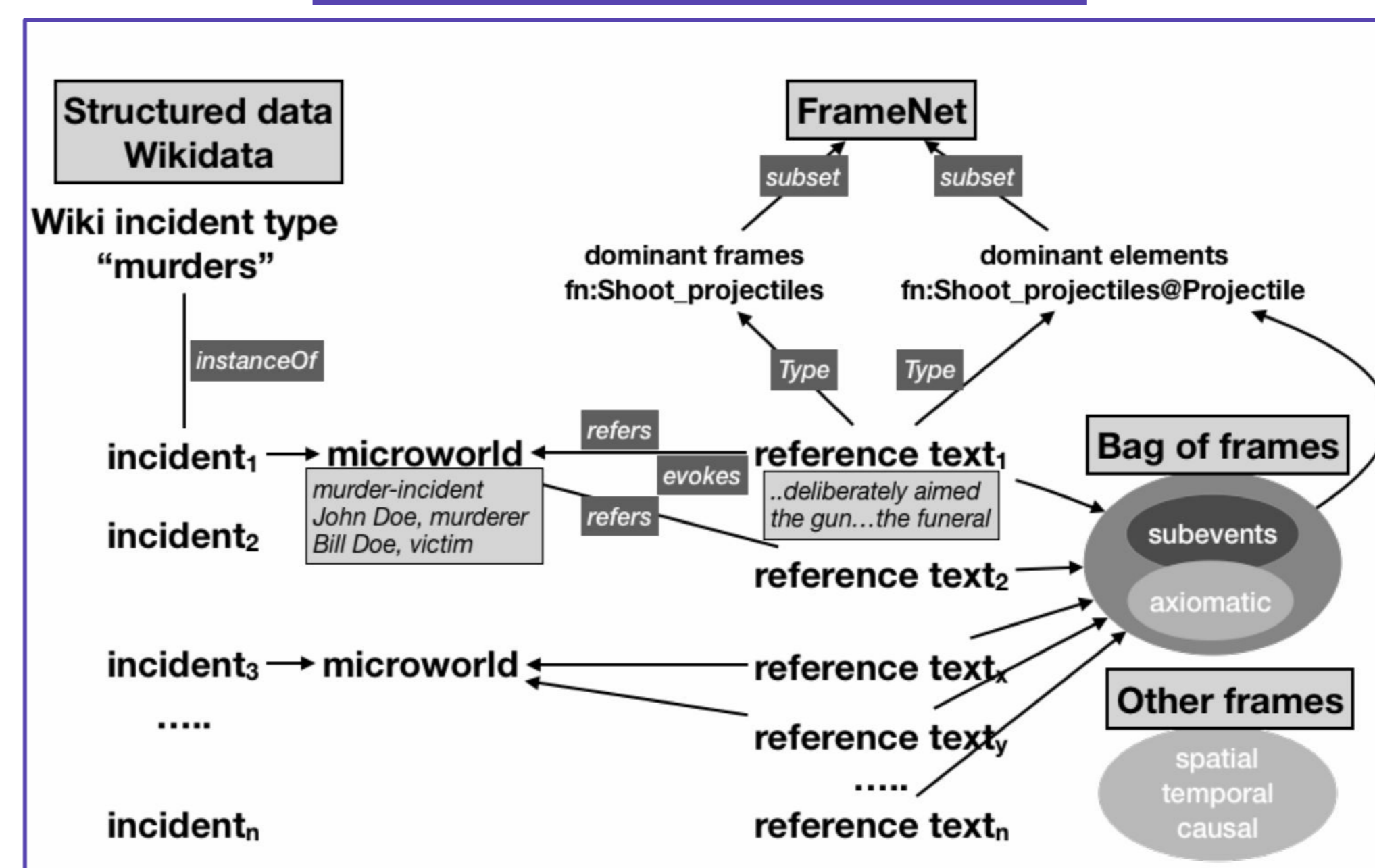
Study variation in framing of situations in texts
Reference-aware FrameNet annotation
DRT-based cross-lingual FrameNet parsing

SCAN ME

↓ reference-aware FrameNet analysis

↓ find texts describing specific event instances

STRUCTURED DATA

← annotation & parsing: frames + roles

FRAMES — **TEXT**

↓ add frame structures to logical representations

↓ parse compositional semantics & discourse

SEMANTIC THEORY

Berkeley FN: original project for English

FN = lexicon of frames
Frame = lexical units + semantic roles for situation/event/concept
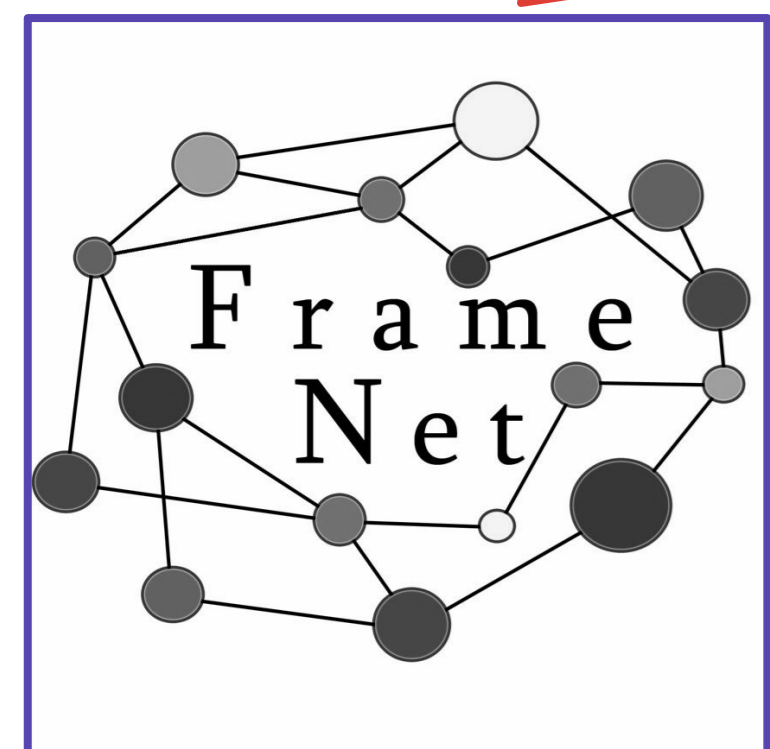
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Goals

How are similar situations framed by different texts?
Develop a FrameNet for Dutch
Semantic-pragmatic analysis of frame variation
Automatic frame parsing across languages

DATA-TO-TEXT PIPELINE

Structured data Wikidata

FrameNet — subset — subset

Wiki incident type "murders"

instanceOf

dominant frames fn:Shoot_projectiles
dominant elements fn:Shoot_projectiles@Projectile

Type   Type

incident₁ — **microworld** — *refers* — evokes — **reference text₁**
murder-incident *John Doe, murderer* *Bill Doe, victim* — *refers* — *..deliberately aimed the gun...the funeral*

Bag of frames
subevents
axiomatic

incident₂ — **reference text₂**

incident₃ — microworld — reference textₓ

Other frames
spatial
temporal
causal

..... reference textᵧ

..... reference textₙ

incidentₙ — reference textₙ

MICROWORLD

IncidentId: Q28036573
EventType: murder
Actor: Anis Amri
Place: Germany
TimeStamp: 2016-12-19

Scrape Wikidata for specific event types

Use Wikipedia to find reference texts

Data-to-text [1]

Categorize *basic level* events [2]
Query Wikidata for the registered incidents
Derive a *microworld* from the structured data
Obtain reference texts provided by Wikidata

REFERENCE TEXT

[EN] 2016 Berlin truck attack
On 19 December 2016, a truck was deliberately driven into the Christmas market next to the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church in Breitscheidplatz in Berlin, leaving 12 people dead and 56 others injured. One of the victims was the truck's original driver, Łukasz Urban, who was found shot dead in the passenger seat. The truck was eventually stopped by its automatic brakes. The perpetrator was Anis Amri, a Tunisian failed asylum seeker. Four days after the attack, he was killed in a shootout with police near Milan in Italy. An initial suspect was arrested and later released due to lack of evidence. The event was designated as a terrorist attack. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant gave Anis Amri instructions. ISIL released a video of Amri pledging allegiance to the terror group's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

"BAG-OF-FRAMES"

Killing
Offenses
Weapon
Use_firearm
Commit_crime
Attack

For every event type, automatically determine set of frames to be annotated

Example: murder event

Annotation Problems

Show how frames provided by structured data are triggered in the text
Standard FrameNet annotation limited to one-to-one mapping targets ⇔ frames

ONE TARGET, MANY FRAMES

Hᴏsᴛɪʟᴇ_ᴇɴᴄᴏᴜɴᴛᴇʀ
[Side 1 he] was killed in a shootout [Side 2 with police]

Attack
Commit_crime
Weapon? Use_Firearm?

DUTCH MORPHOLOGY

Attack   Commit_crime

dat hij door de **aanslag|pleger** was vermoord
that he by the attack_perpetrator was murdered
'... that he was murdered by the perpetrator of the attack'
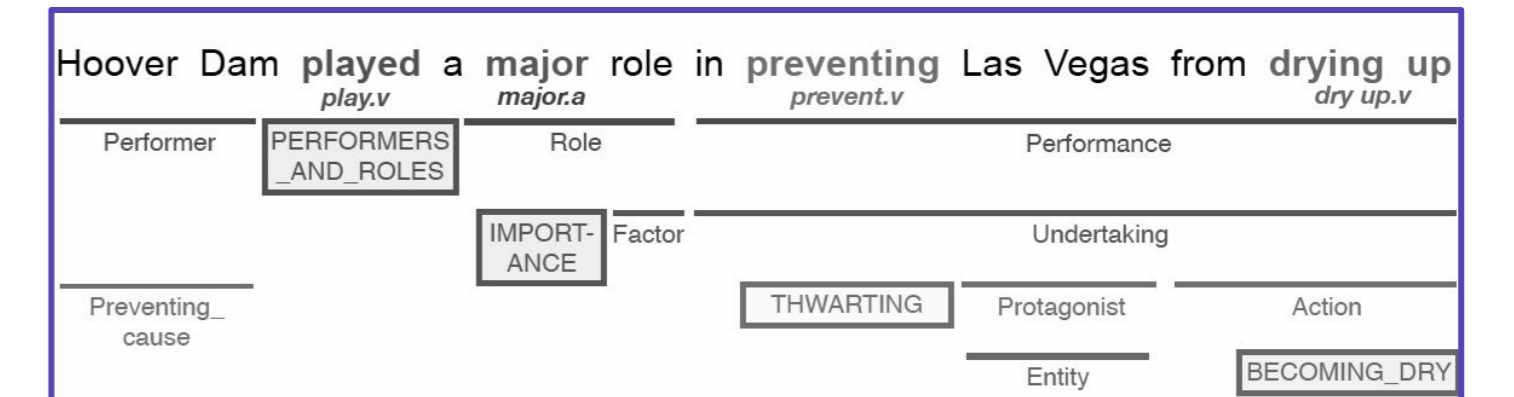
ONE FRAME, MANY TARGETS

On 19 December 2016, a truck was **deliberately** driven into the Christmas Market [...] in Berlin, **leaving** 12 people **dead** and 56 others injured.

deliberately + Killing = Offense?
leave + dead = Killing?

Automatic parsing

Integrate FrameNet and formal semantics (DRT)
Capture event and participant (co-)reference and pragmatic inference

FN-PARSING: OPEN-SESAME [3]

Hoover Dam played a major role in preventing Las Vegas from drying up
play.v *major.a* *prevent.v* *dry up.v*
Performer PERFORMERS_AND_ROLES Role Performance
IMPORT-ANCE Factor Undertaking
Preventing_cause THWARTING Protagonist Action
Entity BECOMING_DRY

Current SOTA

DRT: PARALLEL MEANING BANK [4]

Tokens: CCG + VN roles   Logical representation

Goal: FN + VN roles

BOOTSTRAPPING DEEP FN PARSERS

BOOTSTRAPPING STRATEGY #1
Use shallow parser, map to DRS structures

BOOTSTRAPPING STRATEGY #2
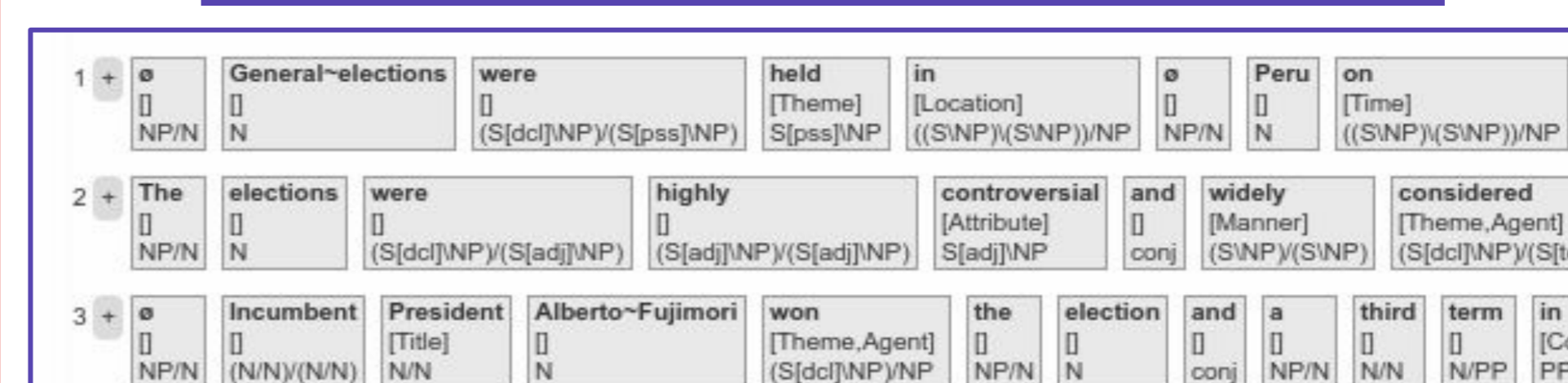Use SemLink [ref] to map VerbNet to FrameNet

CHALLENGE #1:
Frame identification bottleneck [5]

CHALLENGE #2:
Frame projection (English → Dutch, Italian)

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